

Wednesday June 28, 2023

Dear Rostered Ministers of the Sierra Pacific Synod,

May grace, peace, and hope abide in you and the communities of faith you serve in this summer season.

I am writing to inform you that I denied Dr. Megan Rohrer's request for On Leave from Call status which was submitted last year. The effect of this action is to remove Dr. Rohrer from the ELCA roster of Ministers of Word and Sacrament as required by the constitutional and bylaw provisions that govern the roster of Ministers of Word and Sacrament.

In considering Dr. Rohrer's request for On Leave From Call status dated June 7, 2022, I did not act hastily, but instead waited a year while I gathered evidence and information, listened to hundreds of people, lay and rostered, and carefully considered the culmination of six months of work by the Investigation Team, all of which informed my decision.

Let us continue to pray for Dr. Megan Rohrer, his family, and many loved ones, as the Spirit of our Living God brings wisdom, grace, and holy discernment for his future endeavors.

With and In Christ,

The Rev. Claire Burkat

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Interim Bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod, ELCA

